

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1.(Amended) A floor mat comprising  
a non-woven carpet pile substrate;  
a pile material tufted into said non-woven carpet pile substrate which forms a pile surface  
on one side of said substrate; and  
a vulcanized expanded rubber backing sheet of rubber integrated to the other side of the  
[carrier fabric]carpet pile substrate,  
wherein said rubber backing sheet comprises a blowing agent to produce a closed  
cell structure foam rubber;  
and  
optionally, solid vulcanized rubber reinforcement strips present along at least one of the  
borders of the mat; wherein said floor mat possesses suitable flexibility to be laundered on a  
regular basis in a standard industrial washing machine without appreciably damaging said mat or  
said machine; and  
wherein said non-woven carpet pile substrate possesses a heat shrinkage factor of from  
about 2.0 to about 2.5% and said rubber backing sheet possesses a heat shrinkage factor of from  
about 2.0 to about 2.5%.

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11.(Amended) A floor mat comprising  
a non-woven carpet pile substrate;  
a pile material tufted into said non-woven carpet pile substrate which forms a pile surface  
on one side of said substrate;  
a vulcanized expanded rubber backing sheet of rubber integrated to the other side of the  
[carrier fabric]carpet pile substrate, and  
optionally, solid vulcanized rubber reinforcement strips present along at least a plurality  
of borders of the mat;  
wherein said floor mat possesses suitable flexibility to be laundered on a regular basis in  
a standard industrial washing machine without appreciably damaging said mat or said machine;  
wherein said non-woven carpet pile substrate possesses a shrinkage factor of from about  
2.0 to about 2.5%; and  
wherein both said rubber backing sheet and said vulcanized solid rubber reinforcement  
strips possess a modulus strength of greater than about 1,000 pounds per square inch.

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#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending within this application. Claims 1 and 11 have been  
amended. Claim 9 has been deleted. No new Claims have been added. The amendments to the  
specification have been made in response to the objection to the Specification by the Office. The